

THE SPIRIT OF DEMOCRACY.

Tuesday, January 23, 1872.

Extracts from T. J. J. Table Talk.

A rogue is a round about fool.
Good and bad men are each less than they seem.
Painting is the informalism of a thing between a thought and a thing.
Intense study of the Hindu will keep any writer from being vulgar in point of style.
When a man mistakes his thoughts for persons and things he is mad. A mad man is properly so called.
The most common effect to this mode of evangelizing spirit, especially in young women, is self-indulgence and husy-bodyism.
Truth is a good dog, but beware of barking too close to the heels of an owner, lest you get your brains kicked out.
Could you ever discover any thing sublime in one sense of the term in the classic Greek literature? I never could. Sublimity is Hebrew by birth.
The Reformation in the Sixteenth Century narrowed reform. As soon as men began to call themselves names, all hope of further amendment was lost.
I, for one, do not call the soul under my feet my country; but language, religion, laws, government, blood, identity in these makes men of one country.
The stock jobbing and moneyed interest is so strong in this country that it has more than once prevailed against councils over national honor and national justice.
The necessity for external government to man is in an inverse ratio to the vigor of self-government. Where the last is most complete, the first is least wanted. Hence, the more virtuous the more liberty.
If men could learn from history, what lessons it might teach us! But passion and party blind our eyes, and the light which experience gives is a lantern on the stern, which shines only on the waves behind us!
The Turtle.
At the last school exhibition in a town in Maine, the following essay received the prize:
"Or was Turtle—This animal is found most always in the water, but sometimes he leaves the water and then he comes on the land. The turtle cannot fly. If the turtle was the right kind of a bird he could fly; but if he was a goose-bird or an ostrich he could not fly. The turtle has four paws and mouth like the American eagle, which makes the British Lion and the unicorn tremble. The turtle has a shell, and sometimes folks get fire on his shell and then the turtle crawls out. But he never crawls back again. When the turtle crawls out of his shell he is very wet and sticky. There are two kinds of turtles: the mud turtles and the other kind. We don't have any other kind in our pond. French and Irish people eat turtles and frogs, but I should not like to. I caught a turtle once, but it didn't do me any good. I swam it off for a jack-knife and cut my fingers. Father said it was a judgment. I thought it was a knife. I don't know much about turtles, but I blow for old Alexis.
Yours respectfully,
Lucius Tewksbury Fay.
Make Straight Paths.
Young men, when they first get away from home, and young women, at their first entrance upon society, are very apt to incur needless risks to character and reputation from sheer foolishness. They do not intend to do wrong, but they wish to "use their freedom." They feel strong, and are wise in their own conceits. They would like to do some daring deed and come out unscathed, just to satisfy the predictions of other heads. We have known many youths to throw themselves in the way of wicked temptation, and to walk purposely on the edge of some fatal precipice, for the mere purpose of showing their moral agility in escaping.
For such, and for all who have any influence with such, we have a message worth considering. "Make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way, but let it rather be healed." Not even the Son of God would make a needless leap from the pinnacle of the temple. Angels will bear us up in every danger, so that no person doing his duty shall suffer bruising; but he who chooses the roughest and most dangerous paths without being called to tread them, is tempting God to leave him to the natural results of his own weakness.
Fried Potatoes.
To be fried, the potatoes are cut either with a vegetable spoon, in fillets, in slices with a scalloped knife, or with an ordinary one, or cut in pieces like car-pels of oranges, or even in dice. When cut, drain and wipe them dry. This must be done quickly, so as not to allow the potatoes to turn reddish. Have a coarse towel ready, then turn the potatoes into a colander, and immediately turn them in the towel, and shake them a little, and quickly drop them into hot fat. (See Frying.) When done, turn them into a colander, sprinkle salt on them, and serve hot. Bear in mind that fried potatoes must be eaten as hot as possible. Fry out one batch at a time, and eat them three times as long to fry them when cut in pieces as when sliced or cut in fillets.
To Fry Them Light or Swelled.
When fried, turn them into a colander, and have the fat over a brisk fire; leave the potatoes in the colander only about half a minute, then put them back in the hot fat, stir for about a minute, and put them again in the colander, salt them and serve hot. If the fat is very hot when dropped into it the second time, they will certainly swell; there is no other way known to do it. It is as easily done, as it is simple. Potatoes cut in fillets and fried are sometimes called *a la Parisienne*, when cut in slices, or with a vegetable spoon, they are called *a la Francaise*.
An Affecting Incident.
A correspondent of a New York paper relates the following touching anecdote: I found a cockroach struggling in a bowl of water. I took half a penny shell for a boat. I put him in the shell and gave him two wooden toothpicks for oars and left him. The next morning I visited him, and he had put a piece of white thread on one of the toothpicks, and set the toothpick up on end as a signal of distress.
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NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the Probate Court of Monroe county, Ohio, Administrator of the estate of John S. Wray, dec'd. nov28m6. HENRY R. WARD.
Executrix's Notice.
NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the Probate Court of Monroe county, Ohio, Executrix of the estate of David Kunkel, dec'd. nov15m6. LUCY R. WILSON.